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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SWAPO BASES IN NAMIBIA

REF: CAPE TOWN 937

1. REFTEL CONTAINS REPORT BY SWEDISH FILM PRODUCER  
PER SANDEN ON THE "ASTONISHING" SIZE OF SWAPO CAMPS  
NOW IN NAMIBIA, "THE BIGGEST OF WHICH HOUSED UP TO  
2,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL". IF THAT REPORT IS ACCURATE,  
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WE WILL HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS. THE  
SOUTH AFRICANS MIGHT EXPECT SWAPO TO GIVE UP BASES IN  
NAMIBIA, WHILE SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES  
TO MAINTAIN OSHIVELLO AND GROOTFONTEIN, BUT WE DOUBT  
THAT SWAPO WOULD AGREE. IN ANY EVENT NOTHING IN  
THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE DEPARTURE OF SWAPO FROM  
NAMIBIA IF THEY CURRENTLY HAVE BASES.

2. WE QUESTION SERIOUSLY THE ACCURACY OF SANDEN'S  
REPORT, SWAPO ITSELF HAS STATED THAT IT HAS NO  
"BASES" INSIDE NAMIBIA IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE. WE  
BELIEVE THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD BE AWARE OF THE  
EXISTENCE OF SUCH BASES AND WOULD LONG SINCE  
HAVE RAISED THEIR DISPOSITION WITH US. YOUNG

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